



Commencement - Winter 2009

Fifty-third Commencement

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Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

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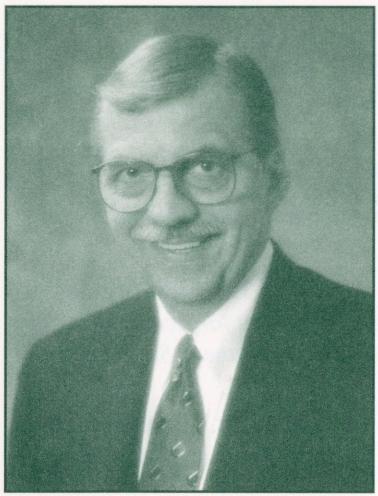
Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"	Elgar Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble
Invocation	Dr. Glenn Coltharp <i>Interim Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean, School of Education, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Welcome	Dr. Bruce W.Speck <i>President, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Dr. Bruce W.Speck
Commencement Speaker	Dr. Eugene Langevin, D.O. <i>Joplin Physician and Cardiologist</i>
Presentation of Class.....	Dr. Brad Kleindl <i>Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean, Robert W. Plaster School of Business Administration, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Conferring of Degrees.....	Dr. Bruce W.Speck

Presentation of Diplomas

Congratulatory Remarks.....	Dr. Roger Chelf <i>President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Announcement of Academic Honors	Dr. Brad Kleindl
Turning of the Tassel	Mrs. Linda Dean, '78 <i>President, Missouri Southern Alumni Association Board of Directors</i>
MSSU Alma Mater (See page 13)	Nichole M. Gust <i>Music Vocal Performance major, Joplin</i> Ashley Marie (Carey) Smith <i>Vocal Music Education major, Lee's Summit</i>
Benediction	Dr. Glenn Coltharp
Recessional "Sine Nomine"	R.V. Williams & E.Rosenberg <i>Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble</i>
Sign Language Interpreter.....	Mrs. Mary Zustiak

Please remain standing until recessional is completed. • Please turn off all beepers/cell phones.

The MSSU Bookstore in Billingsly Student Center will be open from 9 A.M. - 1 P.M. for your convenience.



About the Speaker

Eugene E. Langevin, D.O., Joplin area physician and cardiologist, a native of Joplin, Dr. Langevin is a graduate of Joplin Junior College (now Missouri Southern State University) and the University of Missouri at Kansas City Pharmacy School. He graduated from the University of Health Science Center with a Doctor of Osteopathy degree.

Dr. Langevin interned and completed a Residency at the Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital. He completed a Fellowship in Cardiology at the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center.

Dr. Langevin is certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiology and Osteopathic Internal Medicine. He is a Fellow in Internal Medicine and a Fellow in Cardiology from the American College and has an EKG Certification from the American College of Cardiology.

He is certified in Interventional Cardiology and is a Master Fellow in the American College of Osteopathic Internists.

He was named an Outstanding Alumnus in 1987. Dr. Langevin conducted a General Practice in Galena, Kan. and Joplin from 1971-75 and Cardiology Practice in Joplin from 1977 to the present. Freeman Health Systems named him Medical Teacher of the Year for 2007 and 2009. Dr. Langevin and his wife, Judy, are residents of Joplin.



Points of Pride

In Our Faculty ...

In the Social Sciences Department 13 published authors teach, three of whom have authored books, including one of the top textbooks on collective behavior from the #1 textbook publisher in the U.S. The textbook is used at universities around the world. The department includes a Rhodes Scholar, five professors who have won Outstanding Teaching Awards, 13 Ph.D.s and two licensed attorneys.

In Our Programs ...

For the 9th consecutive year MSSU's Radiologic Technology program students recorded 100% first-time passage on the national board exams.

In Our Athletics ...

Missouri Southern men's and women's cross country coaches Tom Rutledge and Patty Vavra, fresh off a sweep of this year's MIAA Championships, were named MIAA Cross Country Coaches of the Year. The Missouri Southern men's and women's cross country teams swept the 2009 NCAA Division II South Central Regionals – the third in a row for the women, and the second title in the last three years for the men.

In Our Graduates ...

- Dr. Elizabeth Barlet, M.D., '84, Biology, is now an OBGYN at McCune-Brooks Regional Hospital, Carthage;
- Mr. Larry Thimmesch, '05, Graphic Design, went on to earn a Master's Degree in Business and is now Bombardier Aerospace's program director for its new Learjet 85 business jet;
- Katherine Raum, '02, Sociology (Minor in French), completed two-years with the Peace Corps in Tanzania, working on initiatives related to HIV/AIDS education and public health. In 2011, she will enter the Juris Doctor/Master of Public Service degree program at the Clinton School and the Bowen School of Law at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Baxter, Jennifer A. ‡
Forbes, Rita Marie †
Heiskell, Stacy Ann ‡

Moser, Hayley Nicole
Moss, Stephanie Kathryn
Ransom, Allyson Panetta

Roby, Trent Lance
Roughton, Aspen L.
Shipman, Anthony Reed ‡

Thomas, Jeremy David †
Wostal, Holly Ann †
Wright, Karma M.

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Boles, Crystal Dawn
Fazio, Jr., Tom Vincent
Ford, Emily N.

Hickman-Baker, Matthew
Horner, Angela Marie
Jones, Joy D.

Martin, Michelle Ryan
McGee, Amanda Lee
Reed, Jamie Kay

Schrage, Kyle Anthony
Zuppan, Alexandria Ellie

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Bain, Audrey Dayle ‡
Booher, Kathryn Ann
Cox, Graham Devon
Davis, Kristine Costello
Green, Danra Kayette
Hatcher, Christine Renee

Heisler, Megan Racheal
Hohenfeldt, Renae Nicole
Huston, Paul E.
Kennedy, Pazia Raeann
Mullenax, Brandi Lynn

Norton, Kaitlin E.
Obert, Amber Marie
Ogunsola, Ayodeji Adedapo
Randolph, Levi Cole
Reeve, DeAun Sue

Russell, Ashlee Jordan ‡
Schubert, Shauna Renee
Stone, Amber M.
Wenzel, Kathryn Elaine
Wright, Holly Ann
Youngs, Stephen Mark

Associate Degrees

First Honors · Grade point average 3.90 or above

Moss, Stephanie Kathryn

Roby, Trent Lance

Thomas, Jeremy David †

Second Honors · Grade point average 3.80-3.89

Jones, Joy D.

Schrage, Kyle Anthony

Third Honors · Grade point average 3.70-3.79

Bain, Audrey Dayle ‡

Ogunsola, Ayodeji Adedapo

Schubert, Shauna Renee

School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Amann, Kelsey Laree <i>Theatre</i> Galena, KS	Grau, Beverly Arlene <i>International Studies</i> Guatemala	Mallory, Alexis Michelle <i>Communication</i> Horsham, PA	Richardson, JaVan LaTrice <i>Communication</i> St. Louis
Baker, Montero Shorntae <i>Art</i> Columbus, MS	Gray, Danna Sue <i>Art</i> Lee's Summit	Marlett, Brandon David <i>Chemistry</i> Pueblo, CO	Roberds, Rachel K. <i>Communication</i> Webb City
Baugh, Cherie Telayne <i>Communication</i> Joplin	Gust, Nichole Marie <i>Music</i> Joplin	Monroe, Kenneth Matthew <i>Communication</i> North Little Rock, AR	Ryan, Stephanie Lynne <i>Communication</i> Galena, KS
Blacksher, Sarah Jane <i>History</i> Springfield	Heiskell, Stacy Ann † <i>English</i> Neosho	Norton, Kaitlin E. <i>Sociology</i> Joplin	Scofield, Serena Soledad <i>Spanish</i> Carthage
Cartwright, Justin Lee <i>Art</i> Bella Vista, AR	Heisler, Megan Racheal <i>Art</i> Neosho	Oberdick, Heather Michele <i>German, English</i> Independence	Shipman, Anthony Reed † <i>English, Spanish</i> Diamond
Curtice, Travis Benjamin <i>Art</i> Joplin	Hickman-Baker, Matthew Donald <i>Spanish</i> Edna, KS	Pham, Patricia Thi <i>Communication</i> Joplin	Sutton, Jessica Lynne <i>History</i> Drexel
Dennis, Trey Taylor <i>Communication</i> Pineville	Johnson, Malore Lynnette <i>Sociology</i> Bella Vista, AR	Randolph, Levi Cole <i>Music</i> Joplin	Thompson, Crystal Faith <i>English</i> Grove, OK
Forbes, Rita Marie † <i>German, Communication</i> Pleasant Hill	Lafferty, K. Colleen <i>English</i> Joplin	Ransom, Allyson Panetta <i>French, History</i> Gravette, AR	Tripp, Allison Renee <i>Spanish</i> Webb City

Bachelor of Science

Aleshire, Chase Andrew <i>Mathematics</i> Joplin	Chitsazan, Nahal <i>Communications</i> Cave Springs, AR	Davis, Kristine Costello <i>Sociology</i> Noel	Doughty, Jamie Melissa <i>Biology</i> Rich Hill
Bush, Crystal <i>Biology</i> Albany, GA	Cope, Erica D. <i>Sociology</i> Joplin	Davis, Nicholas Allen <i>Biology</i> Neosho	Dowell, Nathan Aaron <i>BioChemistry</i> Carl Junction

Gilleland, Alesia Irene
Sociology
Joplin

Karel, Alyssa Wylene
Communication
Bentonville, AR

Neidert, Teara Sue
Sociology
Purdy

Strait, Tristian E.
Environmental Health
Carthage

Hendren, Madelyn Gay
Communication
Joplin

Lewis, John Andrew
Environmental Health
Joplin

Reed, Jamie Kay
Biology
Joplin

Thorn, Cody Weston
Communication
Joplin

Houlihan, Samantha Jo
Biology
Joplin

Manley, Erin D.
Biology
Loma Linda

Russell, Ashlee Jordan ‡
Communication
Ponce de Leon

Tyurikov, Ilya A.
Biology
Joplin

Howard, Stephanie Elaine
Communication
Joplin

Martin, Michelle Ryan
Biology
Neosho

Shanks, Tasha Nichole
Communication
Ash Grove

Vaughn, Samantha Jane
Biology
Joplin

Howe, Heather Nicole
Biology
Dewitt, AR

McDaniel, Samuel Adam
Sociology
Ponca City, OK

Stinnett, Jeremy Jason
Biology
Joplin

Whitenburg, Jay Durin
Biology
Joplin

Kane, Alicia Jordan
Chemistry
Carl Junction

Murphy, Isaac Ray
Biology
Webb City

Stone, Amber M.
Biology
Joplin

School of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Aleshire, Alicia Nicole
General Business
Joplin

Baxter, Jennifer A. ‡
International Business
Owasso, OK

Bichara, Charbel Paul Davou
International Business, Marketing
Joplin

Branham, Lesa Jeanette
Accounting
Joplin

Badgley, Cheri Lynn
Accounting
Webb City

Beard, Tiffany Michelle
*Accounting, Finance/Economics-
Certified Financial Management*
Asbury

Bishop, Kristen Leigh
Management
Joplin

Brawner, Jared Michael
*Management, Finance/Economics-
Chartered Financial Analyst*
Kirksville

Ballard, James Matthew
*Finance/Economics-Personal Financial
Planning*
Carl Junction

Bearkheimer, John Andrew
Marketing
Harrisonville, MO

Blaxton, Garland Malachi Sims
Management, International Business
Joplin

Brown, Sarah Lynn
Accounting
Joplin

Baumann, Jonathan Matthew
General Business
Webb City

Beasley, Cheryl
Management
Webb City

Booth, Ryan
Accounting
Anderson

Budnick, Meagan Elizabeth
Marketing
Ballwin

† 4.00 Average

‡ Honors Program Graduate

Castor, Letisha Lorraine Accounting Carthage	Greek, Adam Lee General Business Webb City	L'Hommedieu, Shelby Renee Marketing Joplin	Pippin, Meggie Cazzina Management, Marketing Carl Junction
Childs, Andrea Lane Accounting Silver Lake, KS	Hamilton, Gail Rane General Business Lamar	Mason, Jessica Lynn Marketing Joplin	Qualls, Ashley Rae Management Galena, KS
Clark, Richard David Management Neosho	Harrington, India Leigh Management Portageville	Matthews, Jeremy Wayne General Business Galena, KS	Rich, Heather Cathleen Management Goodman
Coble, James William General Business Galena, KS	Hauser, Brock Harold Accounting, Finance/Economics-Certified Financial Management Wyandotte, OK	McAuliff, Brian Patrick Marketing Joplin	Roberson, Scott Thomas Finance/Economics-Certified Financial Analyst Bentonville, AR
Coffman, Savannah Leigh Accounting Nevada	Hohenfeldt, Renae Nicole Accounting Alba, MO	McClellan, Deric James General Business Carthage	Robertson, Latoyia Brittany Accounting Oronogo
Darr, Callie J. Marketing Quapaw, OK	Hosfelt, Stephanie LouAnn Finance/Economics-Personal Finance Riverton, KS	McGee, Amanda Lee Management Joplin	Saba, Sheila Marie General Business Springfield
Davidson, Daniel Richard Management Neosho	Huston, Paul E. Marketing Carthage	McGee, Katelyn Michelle General Business Neosho	Sarver, Eric Michael Accounting Bartlesville, OK
Dearing, Brock Adam Management Liberal	Johnston, Tara Marie International Business Joplin	McManis, Brista Diane Management Lamar	Schmidt, Stephanie Marie Marketing Monett
Doty, Jana Renee Accounting Joplin	Keller, Jamie Nicole Marketing, Management Oronogo	Mullenax, Brandi Lynn Marketing Joplin	Shockley, Joy Leah Management Fair Grove
Dycus, Alison LeAnn Accounting Webb City	Kelley, Jason Ray Management Carl Junction	Newcom, Tamara L. Accounting Lincoln, KS	Smith, Briana Rene Kent General Business Webb City
Ellis, Joel Andrew Accounting Joplin	Kelly, Casey Rene Accounting Joplin	Parks, Shane Paul Marketing Carl Junction	Stephens, Christopher W. Accounting Cassville
Fazio, Jr., Tom Vincent Accounting Webb City	King, David Lynere Accounting Webb City	Parsons, Ben David Accounting Joplin	Verfurth, Ryan Joseph Marketing Billings
Ford, Emily N. Management Joplin	Ko, Tatsuya Management Amagasaki, Hyogo, Japan	Piley, Dean Allen Management Joplin	Watts, Laura C. Management Webb City

Wilkerson, Whitney Marie
Management
Carl Junction

Word, Dillon Thomas
Management, General Business
Joplin

Wright, Karma M.
Management
Chanute, KS

Zuppan, Alexandria Ellie
Finance/Economics-Personal Financial Planning
Joplin

Withers, Matthew Grant
Management
Webb City

Wostal, Holly Ann †
Accounting
Joplin

Youngs, Stephen Mark
Management
Oronogo

Bachelor of Science

Powell, Tim J.
Management Technology
Joplin

School of Education Bachelor of Arts

Hankins, Kimberly G.
Psychology
Carl Junction

Lieneman, Robin Lee
Psychology
Carthage

Bagby, Robert William
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Green, Derik Paul
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Kennedy, Pazio Raeann
Psychology
Aurora

Patton, Alyssa Ann
Psychology
Lee's Summit

Black, George
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Hendrix, Meschelle Renea
Psychology
Joplin

Mitchell, Jessica Ann
Psychology
Joplin

Umpenhour, Kyle Alfred
Psychology
Joplin

Brundige, Melissa Ann
Psychology
Nevada

Horner, Angela Marie
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Osborne, Timothy C.
Health Promotion and Wellness
Carthage

Wise II, Ronald Rena
Health Promotion and Wellness
Tulsa, OK

Buzzard, Anya Ione
Psychology
Lamar

† 4.00 Average

‡ Honors Program Graduate

Bachelor of Science in Education

August, Christopher Jay Secondary Education-Physical Education Gravette, AR	Bradley, Michelle Susan Elementary Education Duenweg	Equihua, Paul P. Secondary Education-Instrumental Joplin	Roughton, Aspen L. Elementary Education Jasper
Babb, Melinda Kay Elementary Education Neosho	Brusca, Matthew R. Secondary Education-Music Joplin	Fisher, LaHeather Nicole Ashby Secondary Education-Unified Science Webb City	Schwaninger, Sallie Anne Elementary Education Asbury
Barratt, Trent Alan Secondary Education-Social Studies Granby	Burt, Troy M. Secondary Education-Art Diamond	Fuller, Jennifer J. Elementary Education Joplin	Stehm, Shea Kelcey Secondary Education-Physical Education Joplin
Bartholet, Elizabeth Ann Secondary Education-Instrumental Joplin	Carey, Ashley Marie Secondary Education-Vocal Webb City	Garland, Lisa A. Secondary Education-Social Studies Joplin	Stewart, Deana Michele Secondary Education-Unified Science Neosho
Bass, Kari Lee Middle School Education-Math/Social Studies Monett	Carnes, Melanie Lauren Secondary Education-Business Miami, OK	Houston, Matthew Dean Secondary Education-Physical Education Joplin	Trimble, Gina Lee Elementary Education Joplin
Basye, Isaiah C. Elementary Education Oronogo	Cottrell-Leary, Tiffany Anne Elementary Education Baxter Springs, KS	Jones, Kirk Wayne Secondary Education-Physical Education Carthage	Vice, Christina Ellen Secondary Education-Unified Science Duenweg
Bechtel, Donald Lee Middle School Education-Industrial Technology/Social Studies Joplin	Cox, Cheryl Ann Elementary Education Jasper	Klier, Ashley Lynne Middle School Education-Math/Social Studies Neosho	Whitehead, Gabriel C. Middle School Education-Speech & Theater/Science Ash Grove
Bennett, Gary Don Secondary Education-Social Science/ History Goodman	Cox, Graham Devon Secondary Education-English Joplin	Murphy, Megan Marie Elementary Education Nevada	Woods, Patricia Lee Secondary Education-Unified Science Joplin
Boles, Crystal Dawn Elementary Education Eagle Rock	Craig, Cyndi Renee Elementary Education Carthage	Obert, Amber Marie Elementary Education Lamar	Wright, Holly Ann Elementary Education Carl Junction
Booher, Kathryn Ann Elementary Education Carl Junction	Del Prato, Jessica Marie Elementary Education Webb City	Reeve, DeAun Sue Elementary Education Duenweg	Zeuschner, Jamie Nicole Elementary Education Joplin
	England, Christopher R. Elementary Education Miami, OK		

School of Technology

Bachelor of Science

Bain, Audrey Dayle ‡ <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Lenexa, KS	Green, Danra Kayette <i>Medical Technology</i> Quapaw, OK	Moss, Stephanie Kathryn <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Mindenmines	Thomas, Jeremy David † <i>CIS-Information Technology</i> Carthage
Barley, Brad Lee <i>Industrial Engineering Technology</i> Joplin	Hay, Sydney Marie <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Lehi, UT	Ogunsola, Ayodeji Adedapo <i>CIS-Information Technology</i> Sanga Ota, Nigeria	Thompson, Trevor Lee <i>Industrial Engineering Technology</i> Springfield
Braker, Trent A. <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Iantha	Jones, Joy D. <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Miami, OK	Outhouse, Alicia Lynn <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Seligman	Thornburg, Tasha Ann <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Rich Hill
Brunner, Shaun M. <i>CIS-Information Technology</i> Joplin	Long, Travis Alan <i>CIS- Information Technology</i> Neosho	Pracht, Ericka Marie <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Carl Junction	Titsworth, Stanley Joe <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Tulsa, OK
Cason, Oun'Janiese Lavonne <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Kansas City	Lundine, Jesse Lee-Ellen <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Humboldt, KS	Roby, Trent Lance <i>CIS-Information Technology</i> Lamar	Ward, Tracy Don <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Purcell, MO
Childers, Derick Conn <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Grove Spring	Martin, E. Melissa F. <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Joplin	Schippers, Amanda Renae <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Webb City	West, Sarah Nichole <i>Health Science</i> Carthage
Comstedt, Rebecca Gail <i>Health Science</i> Frederick, CO	Mathew, Ericson Robert <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Seneca	Schrage, Kyle Anthony <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Carl Junction	Wilkerson, Clint Alan <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Carthage
Donat, India Teal <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Cedar creek	McKee, Monica Marie <i>Health Science</i> Carthage	Schubert, Shauna Renee <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Imperial	Witt, Douglas John <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Pierce City
Estes, Ryan David <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Clever	Miller, Chelsie Kae <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Seneca	Terhune, Mallory Elizabeth <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Lockwood	Wright, Derek Matthew <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Ozark
Friend, Jason Paul <i>Industrial Engineering Technology</i> Sarcoxie			

Bachelor of General Studies

Alexander, Laci Dawn

General Studies
Lockwood

Jones, Eric Micheal

General Studies
Webb City

Nunn, Carolyn M.

General Studies
Dripping Springs, TX

Rust, Kent A.

General Studies
Mt. Vernon

Balfour, Jonathan Edward

General Studies
Joplin

Kirkland, Seth Robert

General Studies
Joplin

Parks, Michelle Nicole

General Studies
Windsor

Segal, Nicole Ruth

General Studies
Joplin

Forest, Weaver L.

General Studies
Verona

Lawson, Cheryl Anne

General Studies
Neosho

Penny, Virginia Marie

General Studies
Pineville

Simmons, Jeff L.

General Studies
Carthage

Gaskill, Jason Hemphill

General Studies
Joplin

Ligon, Gary J.

General Studies
Columbus, KS

Perkins, Jason Craig

General Studies
Joplin

Wenzel, Kathryn Elaine

General Studies
Quapaw, OK

Hatcher, Christine Renee

General Studies
Carthage

Miles, Jr., Kenneth L.

General Studies
Olathe, KS

Perkins, Karleigh L.

General Studies
Parson, KS

Wheeler, Christopher John

General Studies
Joplin

Henderson, MarkA.

General Studies
Slidell, LA

Moser, Hayley Nicole

General Studies
Joplin

Ray, Christian Marie

General Studies
Baxter Springs, KS

Williams, Stefanie Fae

General Studies
Kansas City

Hood, Tyler Lee

General Studies
Alba

Nesbitt, Aaron Robert

General Studies
Springfield

Robbins, Justin Brian

General Studies
Springfield

Associate of Science

Bain,Audrey Dayle ‡
Law Enforcement
 Lenexa, KS

Braker,Trent A.
Law Enforcement
 lantha

Brunner,Shaun M.
CIS-Information Systems
 Joplin

Childers,Derick Conn
Law Enforcement
 Grove Spring

Donat,India Teal
Law Enforcement
 Cedarcreek

Estes,Ryan David
Law Enforcement
 Clever

Ewing, Braden Evan
CIS-Information Systems
 Joplin

Friend,Jason Paul
Computer Assisted Manufacturing Technology
 Sarcoxie

Gerbitz,Satia LeAnn
Respiratory Therapy
 Joplin

Jones,Georgia Lee
Dental Hygiene
 Belle

Jones,Joy D.
Law Enforcement
 Miami, OK

Landis,Jared Michael
CADD-Engineering Technology
 Oronogo

Long,Travis Alan
CIS-Information Systems
 Neosho

Lowe,Kristin Whitney
Computer Assisted Manufacturing Technology
 Joplin

Lundine,Jesse Lee-Ellen
Law Enforcement
 Humboldt, KS

Martin,E. Melissa F.
Law Enforcement
 Joplin

Mathew,Ericson Robert
Law Enforcement
 Seneca

McDowell,Donald Bryan
Law Enforcement
 Oronogo

Miller,Chelsie Kae
Law Enforcement
 Seneca

Moss,Stephanie Kathryn
Law Enforcement
 Mindenmines

Ogunsola,Ayodeji Adedapo
CIS-Information Systems
 Sanga Ota, Nigeria

Outhouse,Alicia Lynn
Law Enforcement
 Seligman

Pracht,Ericka Marie
Law Enforcement
 Carl Junction

Roby,Trent Lance
CIS-Information Systems
 Lamar

Schippers,Amanda Renae
Law Enforcement
 Webb City

Schmoranz,Harold Nicholas
CIS-Information Systems
 Lamar

Schmoranz,Rodney A.
CIS-Information Systems
 Lamar

Schrage,Kyle Anthony
Law Enforcement
 Carl Junction

Schubert,Shauna Renee
Law Enforcement
 Imperial

Terhune,Mallory Elizabeth
Law Enforcement
 Lockwood

Thomas,Jeremy David † *CIS-Information Systems*
 Carthage

Thornburg,Tasha Ann
Law Enforcement
 Rich Hill

Ward,Tracy Don
Law Enforcement
 Purcell

Westerhold,Joshua Roy
Law Enforcement
 Richards

Wilkerson,Clint Alan
Law Enforcement
 Carthage

Witt,Douglas John
Law Enforcement
 Pierce City

Wright,Derek Matthew
Law Enforcement
 Ozark

ALMA MATER

Words by Mary Laird,
Class of '39

Music by Emerson Jackson,
Class of '39



Our Al - ma Ma - - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.

Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley, and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of churchorders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in our ceremony are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Brown:	Fine Arts
Crimson:	Journalism
Dark Blue:	Philosophy
Golden Yellow:	Science
Lemon Yellow:	Library Science
Light Blue:	Education
Pink:	Music
Purple:	Law
Sage Green:	Physical Education
Scarlet:	Theology
White:	Arts, Letters, Humanities
Yellow Brown:	Commerce, Business, Accountancy



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